

HOUSE No. 2661

By Mr. Falzone of Saugus (by request), petition of John Walsh relative to staffing requirements on emergency medical vehicles. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 3 of chapter 111C of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the tercentennial edition, is hereby amended by striking (b) (2)
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:— (b) (2) establish
4 minimum standards and criteria, where none exist, for all ele-
5 ments of the EMS system, taking into consideration relevant stan-
6 dards and criteria developed or adopted by nationally recognized
7 agencies or organizations and relevant standards and criteria
8 adopted by other states throughout the country, and the recom-
9 mendations of interested parties that are part of the state's EMS
10 system, including, without limitation, the regional EMS councils.
11 The following shall constitute the minimum standards for ambu-
12 lances transporting patients by ground: ambulances rendering care
13 at the Basic Life Support level shall be staffed with two EMTs,
14 both of whom shall, at a minimum, be certified at the EMT-Basic
15 level; ambulances rendering care at the Intermediate level of
16 Advanced Life Support shall be staffed with a minimum of two
17 EMTs, at least one of whom shall be certified at the EMT-Interme-
18 diate level or higher; ambulances rendering care at the Paramedic
19 Level of Advanced Life Support shall be staffed with at least two
20 EMTs, at least one of whom shall be certified at the EMT-Para-
21 medic level;.